

## BARRE SAVINGS BANK IS CLOSED

Commissioner Carpenter Investigates Following Run on Institution

Barre, Nov. 23.—State Bank Commissioner George B. Carpenter closed the Barre Savings Bank & Trust company this afternoon at two o'clock, following an investigation made by him this morning. A run on the bank made Saturday is understood to have amounted to \$100,000. This, however, is not officially, or otherwise, given out.

The following statement was issued earlier in the day:

"Early last week unauthorized rumors began to spread about Barre Savings Bank & Trust company. The Barre Savings Bank & Trust company and by Friday these had become so general a small run was started on the bank. All demands for withdrawals were met on that day and also on Saturday morning up to 10 o'clock when the demands became so great that the bank officials invoked the 90-day clause of the State banking law requiring that such notice be given before a deposit can be withdrawn. This applies to savings accounts only, commercial accounts not being affected by this action.

"State Bank Commissioner George B. Carpenter was notified of the action that had been taken and this morning he arrived in Barre with members of his office force and practically took possession of the bank. He is making a thorough examination of the bank's assets and liabilities and as soon as this is completed will have a statement to make to the depositors and to the public. Just how soon he will be prepared to speak he could not say but it is possible he may be prepared to speak by tomorrow."

The last statement of the condition of the bank on September 1, 1920, made a good financial showing. The deposits were \$1,522,230; capital stock, \$100,000; surplus fund, \$100,000; certificates of deposit, \$100,000; loans on real estate in Vermont, \$100,000; loans on real estate elsewhere, \$100,000; loans on personal security, \$100,000; all other collateral loans, \$100,000; loans to towns, villages and school districts, \$100,000; U. S. bonds, C. of I. and W. S. S., \$100,000; foreign government bonds, \$100,000; municipal bonds, \$100,000; bank bills, \$100,000; cash on hand, \$100,000 and other smaller items.

The president of the Barre Savings Bank & Trust company is Frank G. Howland, who has been in the bank business in Barre for about 40 years and who is one of the city's prominent citizens. He was State senator from Washington county in the last Legislature.

## ATTEMPTED THEFT OF MONEY FROM WOMAN

Father and Son of Whitehaven Placed Under \$500 Each

Battleboro, Nov. 23.—George Griswold and son, Earl Griswold, both of Whitehaven, gave bail in the sum of \$500 each in Municipal Court today for their appearance Monday to answer to charges of attempted robbery, armed with a dangerous weapon. They are charged with having tried to rob Mrs. Fred Wheeler of Stratton the morning of October 6 after having entered her home and bound and gagged her.

Mrs. Wheeler carries the money with which her husband pays the farm pickers in Stratton who are employed by a Wilmington firm, and on October 6 two men, one of whom called the other "Moose," searched her clothing for \$50 which had been sent from Wilmington, but which had not arrived.

## \$3,500,000 MAIL CAR ROBBERY MYSTERY SOLVED

Seven Arrests Made and a Large Sum of Stolen Money Recovered

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Nov. 18.—Seven more arrests, one confession, the recovery of a large amount of money, all in ten dollar bills, and the discovery of an automobile last night resulted today in solving up the mystery surrounding the \$3,500,000 mail car robbery in the local papers Saturday night.

Two of the men arrested, T. A. Daly and H. A. Reed, are white, and the others are negroes. The money was recovered from a chicken house at Daly's home after confession of Reed, who is now in custody. Ten persons in all are under arrest.

An automobile believed to have been used for carting away the mail bags was last night in a rented garage a few blocks from the scene of the robbery. The number of the engine had been tampered with.

Reed and Daly, believed by officials to be leaders of the gang, are each 45 years of age. Daly has been working at a quarry on a Chicago road, and Reed has been employed in the last few weeks. Reed was arrested last night after being implicated by Fred Poffenberger, a youth arrested several days ago. Reed finally gave information which led to the arrest of Daly.

Bags of currency, gold and bonds the value of which has been given authoritatively as high as \$3,500,000, were taken from a Chicago mail car by a gang of about 10 men last Saturday. They were bound to consignees in the East. The amount of money recovered was not announced.

According to statements made by one of the men under arrest, the money was taken from the Chicago mail car and was being taken to the East. The amount of money recovered was not announced.

Five negroes arrested last night in connection with the investigation were released today.

GOLD IMPORTS INCREASE

Washington, Nov. 23.—Gold imports during the first ten days of November amounted to \$12,818,217, compared with exports of \$12,037,616, according to a statement issued today by the Federal reserve board.

From January 1 to November 10, gold imports totaled \$23,836,965 while exports were \$27,306,783.

Silver imports during the ten-day period were \$1,446,750 while exports were \$662,359.

Europe sent \$15,974,359 in gold during the ten-day period, while the United States sent \$15,974,359 in gold to Europe. The net result was an increase of \$1,446,750 in gold imports.

## DUBLIN IS SCENE OF FAR-SPREAD MURDER AND SWIFT REPRISAL

Fourteen Officers or Ex-Officers Slain at Various Places in the City by Small Bands of Armed Men—Later in the Day "Black and Tan" Invade Football Game and Fire on Crowd—Dead Estimated at from Ten to Thirty

Dublin, Nov. 21. (By the Associated Press).—Dublin became the scene today of far-spread murder and reprisal. Not since the first outbreak of the vicious civil warfare that has been shedding blood in Ireland have the assassinations been so concerted or the retaliation so swift and pronounced.

Not less than fourteen men are dead in the attacks arranged simultaneously at various places in the city. The method was the same in each case and all the men assassinated were officers or ex-officers, or otherwise in the service of the government.

Small bodies of men numbering generally from six to eight, protected themselves at various houses, called their victims out or entered and shot their victims in bed, while dressing or at breakfast. The districts in which the murders were committed were in some instances those in which the police were stationed, but all the assassinations took place about the same hour, nine o'clock in the morning.

In the afternoon while a football match was in progress atroke Park R. football ground, which was surrounded by a large crowd, the police were moved swiftly up and surrounded the place. Accounts differ as to what happened when, after mounting machine guns on heights above, the police broke through the gates. The auxiliaries were hoisted and, according to eye witnesses, first fired in the air and then into the crowd. It is declared from another source that Sinn Fein pickets first fired on the government forces when they were seen approaching and that the fire was returned.

Within the park the great assembly of 15,000 became panic stricken. How many were killed is not known as yet, but the estimates range from 10 to 30 or more. Several are reported to have been trampled to death.

The streets of Dublin on Sunday are deserted in the morning hours. Those who had planned the murder of the officers and government employees moved systematically to their task. They committed the assassinations without disguise, and all made their escape.

Gresham Hotel was the scene perhaps of the greatest daring, and the raid was carried out by 20 men with the utmost cruelty. The Gresham is in Saville street and is one of the best known hotels in Dublin. In this place two former officers were done to death. Following fast upon the murders there was great military and police activity, and houses were raided in search of the criminals. All motor traffic was ordered stopped, and all train services in and out of Dublin were suspended. The city was given over to terrified apprehension as armed cars and lorries filled with "black and tan" raced through the streets.

London, Nov. 21.—Fire broke out in Dublin this evening in various places, says the Dublin correspondent of the Daily Mail. Twelve nurses were among those arrested today.

The Mail says that arrangements are under way to send large reinforcements of troops to Ireland and that the opinion is held in official quarters that the danger of assassination is spreading to England.

Dublin, Nov. 21. (By the Associated Press).—Shooting broke again in the streets just before midnight, and a number of people are reported killed. There is much military activity.

The casualties in Cork Park are semi-officially given as ten killed and 65 injured, it is reported.

London, Nov. 21.—A Cork dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says that auxiliary police in lorries, who were in search of a detective who had been kidnapped, are reported to have fired indiscriminately and thrown bombs. Notices also were circulated threatening the people of Cork if the missing detective was not returned.

## BUDGET COM. ADJOURNS

Hartness Will Meet With Members Dec. 7—Believe \$400,000 More Than Last Year Asked For

Montpelier, Nov. 21.—The State budget committee which was in session two days last week has adjourned until December 7, when James Hartness, governor-elect, will be present. Several of the departments have submitted their estimates to the committee and hearings on these were given to some of the departments, including the state treasurer's department and purchasing agent. All departments set forth why they need more funds in the coming year. It is rumored that about \$400,000 more than last year is asked for, but whatever the sum is it will be reduced by the committee and then increased again by the Legislature, if the usual custom is followed.

## SET UP CLEMENT CLOCK

Brought from Chester, England, Governor Places It in Executive Office—Plays a Tune

Montpelier, Nov. 19.—The large clock which Gov. P. W. Clement bought in Chester, England, some months ago was set in operation to-night and the members of the budget committee were the first to hear it strike after it was set up. While they were waiting for it to strike, they heard the clock play a tune which he planned to deed it to the State. It stands between the doors in the executive office and adds considerably to the beauty of the room. A history of the clock is being prepared and will be given out as soon as it arrives from England. It stands 12 feet tall and has many interesting features about it, including playing a tune at the hour and part of a tune on the quarter hours.

TROLLEY HITS AUTO

So Middlesex Man Reports to the Secretary of State

Montpelier, Nov. 19.—George Miles of Middlesex made a report to the secretary of State this morning that a trolley car on the traction company's line in Montpelier ran into his automobile on State street last evening. From the report it appears that the operator of the trolley car was driving it along at a pretty fast clip and that when Mr. Miles drove his car into the main street from a side street, he did not have time to get out of the way before the car hit him.

"JAKE" UNDER THE BAN

Washington, Nov. 18.—Jamaica ginger cake under the prohibitive ban today. Orders issued by Commissioner Williams of the internal bureau, effective in 30 days, classifying ginger cake as a "jake" and subject to the same restrictions as other alcoholic beverages and subject to prohibition regulations.

ONE DEFEAT IN 25 YEARS

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 23.—The end of the football season finds one southern college with a record of only one defeat in 25 years. Morehouse College, a negro institution, lost a game ten years ago, but for ten years prior to that time and since the word "defeat" has been known at the school only it applied to Morehouse's opponents. Morehouse has played games annually with the leading negro teams in the South, including Tuskegee Institute, Atlanta University and Morris Brown.

SIX BURN TO DEATH

Lasper, Ala., Nov. 23.—Six men were burned to death this morning in a fire at the Parish mill of the Railway Fuel company, nine miles south of Jasper, following a gas explosion in the mine. Ten others were injured, six of them seriously, and three of them died to-night. According to miners who escaped injury, 20 men went into the mine this morning when operations were resumed following a shutdown of more than a week because of the explosion has not been determined.

AN HONOR NOT THEIRS

Storn Father—"See here, young man; you don't think I'm boss around here—do you?" asked the young man. "28-h, pa; mother is just in the next room," Judge.

## BOY IN MIST OF GROVER LAPLANT DISCOVERED IN SUGAR HOUSE—MOTHER HAD RECEIVED MONEY DEMAND

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## NEW TALC PLANT

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Johnson, N. D., Nov. 18.—The new mill of the American Mineral company, costing approximately \$100,000, and which produces 500,000 tons of talc per year, will be completed in a few days. The company broke ground for its new mill last May. It is 35 feet west of the present mill which has been in operation for several years. The new mill will have a daily total production of about 100 tons or an increase from 25,000 tons per year to over 50,000 tons and places the American Mineral company in the forefront of talc producing companies in the country.

The new mill is constructed on the site of the old mill and has a capacity of 500,000 tons of finished product. In addition storage or stock bin capacity of 2,000 tons making a total storage of 5,000 tons. The mill is equipped with the latest Rock crusher, Burr mill and Roller mill machinery together with conveyors, separators, etc. Both mills are electrically driven. Arrangements have been made for an additional 20 H. P. with the Morrisville Light & Power company.

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## GET CLUE TO SHAMBO REFUGEES IN TERRIBLE FLIGHT

Missing Windsor Convict Believed to Have Been Seen Near Boston—Information Sent Near Sup.

Windsor, Nov. 23.—Supt. Walker of the State prison today received information that the Windsor convict, who was the escapee of Louis Shambo of Montpelier, who with Charles Gould escaped from the institution October 31, may be affected.

At least a good clue was received from a man who thought well enough of it to go to the expense of communicating with Supt. Walker. The clue will be followed up immediately.

Shambo, it is believed, was seen near Boston yesterday. The man who informed the prison authorities of the clue talked with the man suspected of being Shambo, and later reading a description believed that the published description fitted. He also believes from something the stranger said that the man may be Shambo.

## RUTLAND LUMBER DEALER IS SUED FOR \$10,000

Indefatigable John Blanchard Was Driver of Auto That Killed Child

Rutland, Nov. 23.—John W. Blanchard of this city, lumber dealer, was today sued in Rutland county court for \$10,000 by Lawrence C. Jones as administrator for Mildred Pitts of this city, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pitts, who was instantly killed November 15 when she was struck by Blanchard's automobile while crossing a street with her mother. It is alleged in the declaration that Mr. Blanchard was driving on the wrong side of the street, that he failed to sound his motor car horn when he must have seen the child and that he was driving at excessive speed. He struck the child just as she stepped on to the sidewalk on the driver's left side of the road, the car following her towards the sidewalk. Mr. Blanchard explained that the machine slewed when he applied the brake. The secretary of State has asked that Mr. Blanchard's driver's license be suspended until he has been cleared by the court.

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## MONTPELIER ISOLATED

Storm Shuts It Off from Outside World With Exception of One Wire

Montpelier, Nov. 23.—The electric light, telephone and telegraph companies were greatly inconvenienced to-night by the storm. Montpelier was practically shut off from the outside world, there being but one telephone line in communication between Montpelier and Burlington and all other trunk lines being impaired. There was no telegraph service between Montpelier and Burlington and Boston. The city has been isolated for several hours during the evening. The storm started with rain and then turned into heavy snow.

## OPEN BRIDGE BIDS

Three Bids Submitted Figures for Steel Structure at Bridgewater

Montpelier, Nov. 23.—Bids were opened for the bridge at Bridgewater, Vermont, this afternoon for a steel bridge in Bridgewater on the road between Rutland and Woodstock. It is a 70-foot single span bridge and part of a federal road project.

The bidders submitted their own designs and the figures are, Gull & Douglas of Springfield, two designs, the first for \$8,797 and the second for \$8,430; the United States Construction company of Albany, N. Y., \$4,474; the Rutland, N. H. Construction company, \$7,600.

The design has much to do with the selection of the contractor.

## RAISE \$1,500 FOR CHILD

Waterbury Subscribes Sum for Care of Little Girl Whose Legs Were Cut Off

Montpelier, Nov. 23.—C. B. Adams, who was in the city this week, stated that the amount of money raised in Waterbury for the benefit of the little girl, whose legs were cut off by a mowing machine, will exceed \$1,500, some \$300 in addition to what had been obtained has been added to the sum originally announced. He conferred with the board of charities relative to what to do with the money and to have the fund in charge, W. H. Jeffrey, State probation officer, sent to the Waterbury ministers last week a letter relative to this child and the little Sunshine girl, so named asking for money from the churches and requesting that day toward the support and education of these two bright little children.

## LARGE METEOR FALLS AT MOWESVILLE, WEST VA.

Morgantown, W. Va., Nov. 23.—Residents in the vicinity of King Wood, West Virginia, were shown into a panic to-night when a large meteor fell at Mowesville five miles south of Kingwood, according to reports received here.

The meteor struck in the business section of Mowesville, near the railroad station. It exploded as it burst itself in the earth. The force of the blast was heard for several miles.

An automobile standing near the railroad station was damaged by the explosion and occupants of the machine were dazed but escaped injury. There are no telephones in Mowesville and detailed information as to the meteor could not be obtained.

## HAS \$400,000 CAPITAL

Blair Veneer Company of North Troy Reports It Has Paid Up

Montpelier, Nov. 19.—The Blair Veneer company of North Troy has reported to the secretary of State that the company has paid up capital stock of \$400,000 and of that sum \$100,000 is a stock dividend.

## TRUANCY IN HIGH SCHOOL